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RACE WITH HANKOW AS PRIZE?

KWANGSI DEBACLE

THEATRE OF WAR MAY SHIFT DOWN SOUTH

REARGUARD ACTION BEGINS

News from private sources indicates that whereas the present civil war in China has hitherto been a straight issue between two factions there is a possibility of a third party entering the field. It is believed that Feng Yuxiang (the "Christian General"), who has three divisions concentrated near the northern frontier of Hupeh province, is casting covetous eyes on Hupeh, with its cities of Wu-Han, if not of Hunan province as well.

According to information reaching the "China Mail" political correspondent, which cannot be confirmed, it appeared earlier in the week as if there would be a race to reach Hankow between the "Christian General" and the Nanking faction.

However, the sudden collapse, brought about by treachery—as in every other Republican campaign in China—and rather unexpected in view of yesterday's reports of the Hankow units digging in for stubborn defence, has brought the vanguard within hail of Wu-Han.

Wong Shu-hung to Fight
The announcement that the Kwangsi detachments in Hankow have decided to fight a rearguard action with their eyes on the south, through Hunan, is not at all encouraging to Canton and Hong Kong. Removal of the theatre of operations to the south will be unfavourable to trade. And there is still a chance of one of the southern provinces, Kwangsi, being directly embroiled with its neighbour, Kwangtung, standing for peace and support to Nanking.

The "China Mail" correspondent writes that General Wong Shu-hung, one of the big four of the Kwangsi group, in spite of Canton's defection, has decided to take the command in the field, at the head of 18 brigades (about 35,000 men at least), to march north either into Hunan and Kiangsi, and endeavour to join hands with his friends running away from Hankow. How the debacle was brought about is told step by step in despatches to hand.

How Collapse Began

Hankow, Yesterday.
General Li Ming-shui, commander of the 7th division of the Kwangsi troops from Hankow, who was at the Hwangpei sector (20 miles due north of Hankow) has turned over to the Nanking side, allowing the Nanking troops to penetrate the Kwangsi-ites' defence system.

This tendency practically threw the Kwangsi line into confusion and resistance collapsed forthwith on all sectors of the 50 miles' front.

Hearing the news, General Yeh Chi (so it is reported) "declared neutrality" and his men ceased to attempt to stem the tide of invasion any longer.

General Hu Tsung-tu (who is "No. 1" in Hankow in the absence of two of the Kwangsi big four) then resigned.

Panic First

The Kwangsi troops began to fall back from the front on Hankow in disorganised fashion. Panic prevails in the three cities of Wu-Han (Hankow, Wuchang and Han Yang).

Thousands of Chinese civilians, with baggage, began to pour into the Concessions and ex-Concessions, which have been barricaded to prevent an influx of defeated soldiery.

A Peace Preservation Committee (composed of civilians) has been formed. Martial law has been declared. At present there is no looting.—Reuter.

Decision to March

Hankow, 8.20 p.m. (last night).
Everything is in confusion here but it is stated that the retreating Kwangsi troops are still under control.

The Kwangsi military officials have practically all disappeared; but the Nanking forces are on the heels of the retreating Kwangsi units and it is therefore hoped that the Kwangsi men will avoid Hankow to-night and proceed

CANTON TRADE

SPECIAL GARMENT FOR CONCEALING OPIUM

WOMAN FINED \$1,900

A Chinese jacket with deep pockets all around it, which was said to have been specially made for carrying opium, was exhibited before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The owner of this peculiar looking garment was an elderly woman. She was charged with the possession of 65 taels of illicit opium. The dope was found by a woman searcher.

The Magistrate asked the Police officer in charge of the case whether it was the usual "Canton trade again," and on receiving a reply in the affirmative, imposed a fine of \$1,900 or, in default, eight months' imprisonment with hard labour.

NOT MARRY AGAIN

HUSBANDS PROVISOR FOR HIS CONCUBINE

MENTIONED IN THE WILL

A clause is contained in the will of Mr. Poon Nam-sang, gentleman, who died at No. 10, Fung Loi new street, Canton, on May 9, 1928, at the age of 64, that if his only concubine marries again, certain monthly payments which he has laid down for the executors are to cease.

Deceased left about \$49,000 in Hong Kong. Probate has been granted to the widow (Poon Leung Shi) and a nephew who was adopted as son (Poon Kim-wai, a merchant), both of No. 66, High-street, Hong Kong.

Besides the widow, concubine, and adopted son, deceased also had a daughter, in Kwangsi province for whom \$13,000 is set aside for educational expenses. He had no son.

direct southward to Hunan province.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, head of the Nanking Government, is expected to arrive in person on April 5.—Reuter.

More Hopeful News

Hankow, 10.30 p.m. (last night).

The situation is decidedly more hopeful. It is now learned that the retreating Kwangsi army is making a circuit outside Hankow so as to wheel southward into Hunan.

The vanguard of the Nanking Expeditionary Forces is to take over control peacefully to-morrow (April 5).

Excitement has subsided greatly and quiet prevails.—Reuter.

Gap Opened

Hankow, Yesterday.
The General commanding the 7th Wu-Han division has reverted to Nanking, thus opening a gap through which the Nanking forces have penetrated the Hankowites' defence line.

The Hankow troops are retreating in confusion.

Panic reigns in the Chinese city of Hankow and refugees are streaming into the Concessions. Martial law has been proclaimed.—Reuter.

Assurances that foreigners are not in imminent danger are contained in the following Reuter messages:—

Hankow, Yesterday.—Adequate precautions are being taken for the protection of foreigners in the three special administrative districts (i.e., formerly the British, Russian and German Concessions). At 8.20 last night, Reuter's correspondent in Hankow cabled:—"I think it is quite safe for foreigners. The Chinese authorities are doing their utmost to arrange for protection for foreigners. I consider it unlikely that disturbances will break out in the Concession area."

General Hu Bolts?

Hankow, Yesterday.
It is reported that a section at least of the Kwangsi armies has gone over to the Nanking side.

Numbers of Chinese junk and tugs loaded with stores and officers (of the Kwangsi units) which have been observed going upriver (i.e., back towards Hankow) bear out the rumours of a general retreat.

General Hu Tsung-tu is reported to have bolted and his headquarters, at the former Russian Consulate, was evacuated to-day (April 4).

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CINEMATOGRAPH AS EDUCATOR

A NEW MOVE

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DEAL WITH FILMS

BRITISH PICTURES

London, Yesterday.
Mr. L. S. Amery, Dominions Secretary, has appointed a committee to consider how arrangements for the supply and censorship of cinematograph films for public exhibition in the colonies, protectorates and Mandated Territories could be improved with special reference to the following points:

Firstly, the desirability of developing the use of the cinematograph as an instrument of education (in the widest sense).

Secondly, the desirability, on political as well as economic grounds, of encouraging an exhibition of British films.

Captain Brass, M.P., will be chairman of the Committee, which includes Sir Hesketh Bell, Sir Charles O'Brien, Major U. F. Ruxton and representatives of the Colonial Office, Board of Trade and the Federation of British Industries.—Reuter.

[Sir Hesketh Bell, was formerly Governor of Mauritius, Sir Charles O'Brien, Governor of Barbados and Major Ruxton, Lieutenant Governor of the Southern Provinces of Nigeria. Other Members of the Committee are Mr. Creighton of the Empire Marketing Board and Mr. Beatty, late of the Malayan Civil Service.]

AN OLD FRIEND

JAPANESE AND FONDNESS FOR SAMSHU

WHAT POLICE OBJECT TO

Hong Kong may be going through a spell of "dry" weather, but, although there is hardly any water in our reservoirs, Tajima, a Japanese resident of Kowloon, has been able to slake his thirst with something else.

Probably it was this lack of water in the Colony which drove Tajima to find other substitute. Be that as it may, he had shown such a profound liking for samsu that he soon became a source of worry to the Kowloon Magistracy and to the Police. The latter had no objection to Tajima drinking as much "fire water" as he liked, but what they objected to was the fact that Tajima, after having regaled himself unwisely, also showed a partiality for sleeping in the streets.

A heart to heart talk with the subject of this story did not bring about a reformation. The Police were then obliged to bring Tajima before the Magistracy, thinking that the lesson which the latter would give would be more salutary.

From that day, Tajima has been a frequent visitor to the Court. He was fined several times and on the first three or four occasions, a brother, who is in business, paid for the prodigal. The brother also got tired and on the last two occasions he allowed Tajima to do a short "stretch" at the Victoria Gaol, in order to get him sobered up.

Magistrate's Query

Tajima was again before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy.

"What do you mean by getting drunk again," asked his Worship. "Why you were only before me last week."

Addressing Inspector Marks, his Worship asked where Tajima had obtained the money to quench his thirst in that manner.

The Inspector replied that it was samsu which put Tajima in that comatose condition—a condition which made him unable to find his own bed.

Inspector Marks also told his Worship that Tajima had a brother, who had a shop in Nanking-road. The latter was tired of the man in the dock and had allowed him to go to gaol on the last two or three occasions.

Tajima—a short and stumpy man with his eyes twinkling at the Magistrate—admitted that he was drunk yesterday. "But you mustn't do that," said his Worship. "All right, I will fine you \$10, or 14 days' hard labour."

A first edition of Walt Whitman's poems, which less than six months ago was sold in Toronto for \$3, has just been sold in New York for \$400.

LOVE ON LEAVES

MESSAGES IN THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

AN AMOROUS YOUTH

Lo Hon-cheung is a Chinese youth of about 20 years of age. He had studied in one of the local English Schools, which he left recently. Since that time his favourite haunt had been the Botanical Gardens where he goes to while away the time of the day.

Spring time, they say, turns the thought of youth to love, and that Lo Hon-cheung was badly bitten by the "love bug" is evident from the fact that yesterday he was so love sick that he simply could not re-

LI CHAI-SUM

Offer to British Consul-General to Visit Him

The "N. C. Daily News" of Tuesday says:—

It is believed that fears regarding the safety of Marshal Li Chai-sum can be absolutely allayed.

On Saturday Dr. C. T. Wang is understood to have called upon the British Consul-General at Nanking, Mr. W. Meyrick Hewlett, and informed him that if he chose to visit the Tangshan Hot Springs the following day (Sunday), he would be able to converse with Marshal Li Chai-sum.

Dr. Wang gave a categorical denial of the rumour of Marshal Li Chai-sum's death. It was stipulated that if Mr. Hewlett accepted the invitation to go to the Hot Springs it would be in his private capacity and not as British Consul-General.

There is as yet no information whether Mr. Hewlett visited Marshal Li Chai-sum on Sunday, but it is understood that he wired to the British Minister in Peking for permission to do so.

strain himself. To give vent to his feelings he started to carve sweet words of love on the broad caress leaves in the Gardens.

On two of these he carved some Chinese characters, evidently the names of some Chinese Venus of his dreams, whilst on the other two he broke into English love messages, thus: "I have come here to meet some girls" on one, and "I love you very much" on another.

Unfortunately for Lo Hon-cheung he was observed by the assistant Chinese head gardener, who went after him. The youth took to his heels, hotly pursued by the gardener. At the foot of Upper Albert-road Traffic Sergeant Roberts joined in the chase. The youth turned down the narrow path leading from Caine-road to Glenageary. The Sergeant dismounted from his motor cycle and followed.

Having run all the way from The Albany, the youth was now tired out and could not shake off the Sergeant, who overtook him near the Dairy Farm. The gardener then came puffing along and all three went to Police Headquarters. Here Lo Hon-cheung was accused by the gardener and found his name placed on the charge sheet for "defacing and damaging" plants in the garden.

His relatives were communicated with and they bailed him out in the sum of \$25.

This morning Lo Hon-cheung appeared shamed before Major C. Wilson, O.B.E., to answer the charge. He entered a straightforward plea of "guilty."

Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of Botanical and Forestry Department, who was present in Court, pressed the charge. He complained that many leaves of fine plants in the Gardens had been disfigured by such senseless carvings, and for a long time they had been unable to discover the offenders. Now that they had Lo Hon-cheung they wished to make an example of him.

The Magistrate agreed that the offence was a serious one, and ordered the young fellow to pay a fine of \$25.

HIS MAJESTY

STILL PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY

London, Yesterday.
The King has again passed a good day. Although the weather remained dull, His Majesty spent to hours in the gardens this morning. He sat on the lawn protected by screens and also walked for about twenty minutes.—British Wireless Service.

STOCK EXCHANGE DERBY SWEEP

BIG DEMAND

\$1,000,000 WORTH OF TICKETS MAY BE SOLD

SUBSTANTIAL PRIZES

London, Yesterday.
There is a record-breaking rush for tickets of the Stock Exchange Derby sweep, officially known as the "Stock Exchange Mutual Subscription Fund."

The original issue of half a million \$1 tickets was rapidly disposed of and a second batch of half a million was issued to-day.

A long queue of applicants, consisting of Stock Exchange members and their clerks, assembled at the office of the Fund in the city when it opened at 9 in the morning and during the course of the day \$150,000 worth of tickets was sold.

It is anticipated that \$1,000,000 worth will have been sold when the Fund closes.

Applications have come from all over the world, and it is probable that instead of one huge first prize there will be a larger number of substantial prizes than hitherto.—Reuter.

"I'M ALONE"

INCIDENT MENTIONED IN CANADA'S COMMONS

FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS

Ottawa, Yesterday.
At the opening session of the House of Commons, after Easter, replying to the Conservative leader, Mr. Bennett, the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, stated that there had been extensive correspondence between Washington and Ottawa during the past week with regard to the "I'm Alone" affair with reference to which the Canadian Government are making formal representations.—Reuter's American Service.

"SOUTHERN CROSS"

\$2,000 SUBSCRIBED FOR THE SEARCH

STILL FRUITLESS

Sydney, Yesterday.
The search for the "Southern Cross" has been fruitless. A second aeroplane left Derby to scour to vicinity of Port George Mission, and the Regent River. A fund has been opened to defray the cost of an extensive search and \$2,000 was subscribed immediately.—Reuter.

CAPE TO CAIRO

TERMINATES AT KHARTUM

Cairo, Yesterday.
The R.A.F. Cairo-Cape flight has terminated at Khartum. The fliers will arrive here aboard a troop-carrying machine, with a South-African escort. They are bound for home.—Reuter.

MACAO'S GOVERNOR

SENHOR BARBOSA'S ARRIVAL TO-DAY

DEPARTURE ON SUNDAY

H.E. the Governor of Macao (Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa), accompanied by Madame Barbosa, Mlle. Barbosa and four sons, is due to arrive in Hong Kong about 4 p.m. to-day on the first stage of his journey to Portugal, on long leave after 2½ years' administration of Macao. Passage over to Hong Kong will be made in the gunboat "Macao."

His Excellency will land unofficially at Queen's Pier—unofficial because his visit is of a personal nature. There will, therefore, be no ceremony at the Pier. In the interval before re-embarking he and his family will stay at the Hong Kong Hotel.

At 4.30 p.m. to-morrow there will be a reception by the Portuguese community in the Club Lusitano.

On Sunday morning, Senhor Barbosa and family will sail on the round-the-world ship "President Monroe" for Europe via the Dollar Line's usual ports of call.

LONG JOY RIDE

ADVENTURES OF FIVE K.O.S.B. PRIVATE

CAR DRIVER AS COMPLAINANT

Privates Hogarty, Crawford, Ormiston, Bailey, and Lunn, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, were this morning charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, with a assaulting the Chinese driver of public motor car No. 359 near Jardine's Bridge, The Peak, at 1.25 a.m., on April 2; and with travelling in the motor car without paying the fare.

All the accused entered pleas of "not guilty."

Sub-Inspector Logan, of Mount Gough Police Station, prosecuted. Outlining the case against the accused he said that at about 10.30 p.m., on April 1, two of the accused, not identified, hired the car at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and drove to Wanchai, where they stopped at a certain house. Here three other soldiers were picked up, and then the party went for a joy ride.

They first drove up to the Peak, then to Causeway Bay, later to West Point and then again went up to the Peak. When the car was near Jardine's Bridge, the driver was required to stop, and all five accused got out. They immediately began to walk away, without attempting to pay for the hire of the car.

When the driver asked for his fare, it was alleged that one of the five accused struck him on the right eye. The five men then "cleared" and went to Mount Austin Barracks. A Shantung constable who saw the affair spoke to the accused and asked them to pay the driver, but, of course, he was not understood by the soldiers as he (the constable) could not speak English. The constable saw the five accused go into Mount Austin Barracks.

The Inspector added that when the Police subsequently took up the matter, it was discovered that the five accused were checked into the Barracks by Corporal Mabbitt at 1.30 a.m., on April 2.

The Magistrate: They all went in together?—Yes.

Driver Tells His Story

The driver of the car, with his right eye covered up, then went into the witness box to give evidence. He stated that he was a native of Shanghai, and the Court interpreter reported to the Magistrate that the Magistrate's Shanghai interpreter was on leave and there was no one who could understand the driver's language.

However, the Court interpreter suggested that as the interpreter at the Peak Station could speak the Shanghai dialect, he should be sent for.

Sub-Inspector Logan said that no doubt they could spare that interpreter to attend Court, but it would take at least three-quarters of an hour to get him down from the Peak.

His Worship decided that that was not convenient as he had another case fixed for that morning, and inquired if it was possible that there was not another interpreter in both the Magistracy and the Police Headquarters who understood the Shanghai dialect.

No one in Court was able to enlighten his Worship on the point. "Compliments to D.S.P."

Addressing Traffic Sergeant Clark, who was in Court, Mr. Hamilton said: "Please present my compliments to the D.S.P., and ask him if I can borrow a Shanghai interpreter from his department for the next ten minutes. If that is not possible then I shall have to remand the men."

Sergeant Clark returned and reported that there was no Shanghai interpreter available, whereupon his Worship fixed the hearing of the case for 10 a.m., to-morrow and asked Sub-Inspector Logan to make arrangements for the attendance of an interpreter.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

SHIPS IN NORTH AND UP THE YANGTSE

The sloop, H.M.S. "Cornflower" and "Magnolia," exchanged places yesterday, the former going from Weihaiwei to Chefoo and the latter from Chefoo to Weihaiwei.

H.M.S. "Ladybird," a gunboat, left Shanghai yesterday for Nanking.

A new Palace of Justice, at Louvain to replace the one burned down in 1914 will be opened this summer.

A STORM IN A TEA CUP

FEMININE CLIQUE

WASHINGTON AGITATED AS TO SOCIAL PRECEDENCE

"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

Washington, Yesterday.
A question of social precedence is agitating official Washington.

Vice President Curtis, who as a bachelor when he assumed office, gave the name of his sister, Mrs. Dolly Gann as his hostess, and she and her husband, Mr. Edward Everett Gann, were authorised to receive invitations to social affairs along with Mr. Curtis.

However, at the homes of the socially elect the Ganns found themselves separated from Mr. Curtis and seated at a table below the foreign diplomats and their wives.

It appears that this accords with the ruling of Mr. F. B. Kellogg when he was Secretary of State but Mr. Curtis has appealed to the new Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Stimson, to reverse Mr. Kellogg's ruling.

It is learned from a source in close touch with Mr. Kellogg that it was not so much a question of American as of international custom, and it is pointed out that the Prince of Wales, when in Washington, was placed at a table below the British Ambassador, because the latter officially represented King George.

According to the "New York World" a small but powerful feminine clique "is responsible for the attempted proscription of Mrs. Gann.—Reuter's American Service.

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Mexico City, Yesterday.
The two mining engineers, the Briton, Reid, and the American, Hanson, who were kidnapped by bandits on March 2 from the offices of the San Nicholas Mining Company, at Vocas, in the State of Durango, where Hanson was resident-manager, have been released. A ransom of 24,000 pesos was demanded but it is unknown what was paid.—Reuter's American Service.

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London, Yesterday.
Mr. F. B. Kellogg, (until recently U.S. State Secretary) and Mrs. Kellogg have arrived at Plymouth, aboard the "Le de France."

Mr. Kellogg is abed with a cold.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW POST

MAJ.-GENERAL BUTLER GOING HOME?

Washington, Yesterday.
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FANLING HUNT

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Spring Meeting, to be held on SUNDAY, 21st APRIL, 1929, may be obtained from Messrs. THOMSON & CO., York Building. Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on WEDNESDAY, 10th April, 1929.
Hong Kong, April 4, 1929.

CLUB LUSITANO**CIRCULAR**

A COMISSAO Directora do Club Lusitano tem a honra de convidar os Exmos. Srs. Socios e suas Exmas. Famílias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa para se reunirem na sala "Luiz de Camões" do Club Lusitano no Sábado, 6 do corrente as 4½ horas da tarde, a fim de assistirem a Receção em honra de sua Excia. O Governador de Macau Senhor Arthur Tanaglini de Sousa Barbosa e sua Exma. Família. Haverá em seguida Cha a dança. A fim de que esta festa seja revestida de maior brilho possível a Direcção pede a comparencia de todos os Srs. Socios e suas Exmas. Famílias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa.

M. A. SIMOES,
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1. That the authorised capital of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000 divided into 720,000 shares of the nominal value of \$5 each, the whole of which have been issued) be increased to \$5,000,000 by the creation of 280,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$5 each ranking as from date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued capital.
2. That 80,000 of the said 280,000 additional shares be offered forthwith in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of nine existing shares held by them respectively) to the members of the Company who on the 6th day of May, 1929, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 720,000 shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the full nominal amount of \$5 due in respect of each such share taken up shall be paid not later than the 4th day of July, 1929.

And that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted by the member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined, and that the Directors of the Company be at liberty to fix such time and to extend it to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit. And further that any of the said 80,000 shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

3. That no shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an additional share in respect of any odd share or shares held by such shareholder.

4. That the remaining 200,000 of the said 280,000 additional shares be issued in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th day of April, 1929, to SATURDAY, the 4th day of May, 1929 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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OUT FOR A WALK

COUPLE CHARGED WITH KID-
NAPPING AND HARBOURING

THREE BOYS MISSING

Before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Hunanese couple were charged with kidnapping and harbouring three Chinese boys, and larceny of several articles of clothing.

The case for the prosecution, as outlined by Detective-Sergeant Mottram, was that the female accused formerly lived on the same floor as the children's parents at No. 229, Temple-street, Yaumati. On March 22 she enticed the boys away pretending that she was taking them out for a walk.

When the boys failed to return, the mothers, who knew that the children were in accused's company, informed the Police. Inquiries resulted in the discovery that the Hunanese couple had sold one of the boys to a man in Shataukok for \$165. This child was recovered. The other two boys were found in a house to which the two accused had gone to live after leaving the Temple-street house. In a trunk were found several articles of clothing which had been stolen from a fellow-tenant who was away in the country.

The case was adjourned.

VOLUNTEERS' CORPS**ORDERS ISSUED FOR THE
CURRENT WEEK**

This week's orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, issued to-day by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant, read as follows:—

Efficiency
All Officers Commanding Units will arrange to check their records with the Adjutant at an early date for the Training Year 1928-29.

Musketry
The Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 7. Range Officer: Lt.-Col. R. K. Valentine.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.
Dress: Musketry Order i.e. rifle, belt, bayonet, braces, pouches or bandoliers. Uniform or mufti optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, April 6, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, April 6, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Dress
Command Ord. No. 1967 dated March 28, 1929, is repeated for information.

"With reference to C.O. No. 1926/7 dated November 13, 1928, Khaki Drill Clothing will be taken into wear with effect from April 1, 1929, for all Garrison Parades and duties.

White Mess Dress will also be taken into use from this date.

For official afternoon functions, when uniform is to be worn, the dress for officers will be Khaki Drill, breeches, field boots, gaiters or puttees and swords. Medals will not be worn.

Attention is drawn to Command Standing Orders, para. 219. From May 1 to November 15, helmets (or topees) will be worn between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Corps Band

The Band will parade at Headquarters for Band Practice on Tuesday, April 9 at 5.30 p.m. in mufti. All ranks of the Band are particularly requested to be present.

Mounted Infantry Company
Thursday, April 11, 1929. Those members who have begun M.G. Part I. will parade at 5.15 p.m. at Headquarters and proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy-road Range.

All others will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for M.G. Training.

Armoured Car Co.
The attention of all ranks is drawn to Corps Order No. 2 Musketry.

Motor Cycle Section. Monday, April 8. All ranks parade with motor cycle at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instruction. Sidecar outfits will be in charge of L/Cpl. Thomas and Pte. Groom. Dress: Mufti.

Machine Gun Co.
The Company will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, April 9 for Machine Gun Training and recruits will proceed by Ford Truck to Kennedy Road Range with rifle for musketry under Sergt. V. C. Branson, M.C.

Musketry Table "T"—The Company will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 14. Range Officer: Lieut. H. Owen Hughes.

This is the last opportunity for members of the Company to fire for the forthcoming training season and all those who have not yet fired are particularly requested to do so.

Scottish Co.
Thursday, April 11. Platoons will parade at 5.30 as under:—
Casuals of No. 6 and No. 7

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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"THE DOVER ROAD"

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

5.30-6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese Music. (Victor Records supplied through the courtesy of Music World Co.)

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Columbia Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Co.)

"La Boheme" (Puccini), Selection, New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra. "If I Had You,"

"My Ohio Home," American Duet-tists, Layton & Johnstone.

"Ballade No. 1 in G minor" (Chopin), Piano Solo,

Robert Casadesus.

"Toreador Et Andalouse,"

"Romance,"

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

"Kreutzer Sonata in A Major" (Beethoven),

Albert Sammons (Violin),

William Murdoch (Pianoforte).

"And The Stars Were Shining" (Puccini),

"Woman Is Fickle" (Verdi),

Tenor, Louis Graveure.

"On The Wings Of Song,"

"Minnelied," Violin Solo,

Lionel Tertis.

"Levinisky At The Wedding,"

Humorous Monologue,

Julian Rose.

"Sleep, Gentle Lady,"

"Round About A Wood,"

The Salisbury Singers.

"Gipsy Caravan March,"

"Nuptial Song," Grand Organ Solo,

Gatty Sellers.

"Wild My Dream of Youth,"

"Farewell to Bright Visions" (Verdi), Soprano,

Maria Gentile.

"Allegretto" (E. Commette),

Organ Solo,

Edouard Commette.

"Summer Night On The River" (Debussy),

Sir Thomas Beecham and The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Heaven For Two,"

"One More Night," Comedienne,

Florence Oldham.

"Petit Suite De Concert" (Coleridge-Taylor),

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"London Street Noises," Explana-

tions by Commander Daniel.

9.45 p.m.—Act II of the A.D.C. Production "The Dover Road" relayed from the Theatre Royal.

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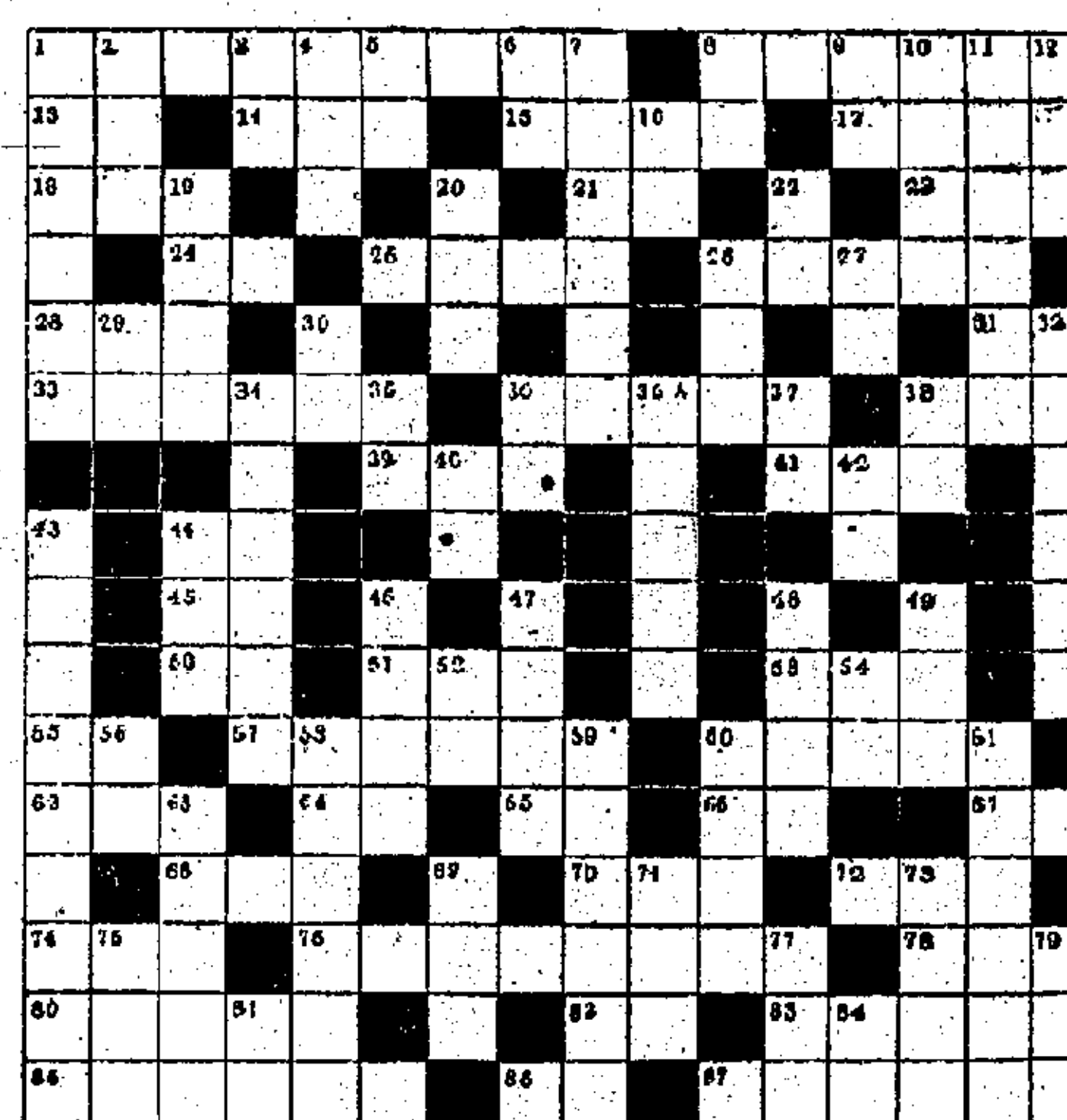
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KAGA MARU	Wednesday, 22nd May.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
AWA MARU	Thursday, 11th April.
† BENGAL MARU	Saturday, 27th April.
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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	
HAKATA MARU	Monday, 6th May.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.	
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LAPLATA MARU	Tuesday, 23rd April.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
SHUNKO MARU	Friday, 5th April.
CHIFUKU MARU	Friday, 19th April.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOGADISHU—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
MEXICO MARU	Thursday, 2nd May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
BORNEO MARU	Wednesday, 24th April.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai)	Wednesday, 10th April.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
BURMA MARU	Saturday, 6th April.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.	
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi.	
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 11th April 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	
ARGON MARU	Tuesday, 16th April.
JAPAN PORTS.	
KASADO MARU	Sunday, 7th April.
ANDES MARU	Wednesday, 17th April.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 7th April 3 p.m.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 14th April 3 p.m.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
DELI MARU	Thursday, 18th April 10 a.m.
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STEAMER SOLD

JAPANESE FIRM BUYS S.S. "WING HONG"

It is learned that the s.s. "Wing Hong," a Chinese owned vessel hitherto on the Hong Kong and Singapore run, has been sold to a Japanese firm. The "Wing Hong" belonged to the Wing Foo Steamship Co. The sale was arranged by the local shipping brokers, Berg & Co. She will be handed over to her new owner as soon as she comes in port.

It is also understood that the Wing Foo Steamship Co. in order to replace the "Wing Hong" is contemplating buying another vessel owned by an Australian shipping firm.

MARINE COURT

FISHER FOLK FAIL TO RENEW LICENCES

Fisher folk from Taiipo made an appearance before Commander G. F. Hile, R.N. (retired) at the Marine Court this morning in answer to a charge lodged by Lance Sergt. Mitchell of failing as masters of their fishing vessels, to renew their licences. Defendants, who numbered eight, all pleaded guilty, and were fined \$5 each (about twice the amount asked for renewal of licence). The prosecution mentioned that defendants were all arrested in Tolo harbour, Taiipo district.

TARGET PRACTICES

Target practices will be carried out in the vicinity of Mirs Bay, April 9 and 10, and vessels are requested to note the following danger zones: April 9.—Danger area bounded by lines from position "A" 1,000 yards 090 deg. from Bluff Head to a position 3 miles 060 deg. from Bluff Head to a position 3 miles 090 deg. from Channel Rock to Channel Rock to a position 1,000 yards 360 deg. from Ocean Point and thence to position "A".

April 10.—Danger Area—Tolo Channel and that part of Mirs Bay within the sector bounded by lines 050 deg. from Bluff Head and 090 deg. from the summit of Wintz Hill (Grass Island) both to a distance of 4 miles.

Shipping is warned to keep clear of these areas on these days. A patrolling vessel will be stationed outside the danger area and will fly a red flag from half an hour before firing commences until the completion of each individual practice.

SHIPPING BREVITIES

Owing to the extreme shallowness of the water on the West River, the s.s. "Tai Ming" arrived in port 24 hours late, coming in yesterday instead of on Wednesday as was scheduled.

The s.s. "Morosa" entering the harbour on Wednesday, reports that a fireman died during the voyage and his body was buried at sea. The cause of death is unknown.

Captain Smith of the s.s. "Tin Yan" was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital with a slight illness, however, which was not serious. He was out again last night to take the vessel up to Canton again.

Captain G. H. Pennefather, master of the s.s. "Anhui," which is lying in Quarantine anchorage, reports to the Harbour master that his vessel has called at Hong Kong to embark a Military guard. Presumably the s.s. "Anhui" is going south. She arrived at this port from Amoy and Swatow.

Arriving from Japan, the s.s. "Shunka Maru" is at present berthed in the dangerous goods anchorage. She has transhipped from Moji 25 cases of nitric acid and 50 cases of sulphuric acid for Hong Kong, while for through ports she has 88 packages of sulphur and chemicals and many tons of safety matches.

Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., Wallsend, have booked a contract for two cargo vessels of 6,000 tons each for Messrs. A. Storn Ltd., Newcastle, for use in the North Sea, which it is understood, will be constructed at their Wallsend yard.

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RECLAMATION OF 407 ACRES FOR DOCKS

Information regarding the scheme submitted by the Southern Railway Company, for the extension of the docks and town of Southampton is contained in the 1928 issue of "Southampton Dock," an illustrated handbook of rates, charges, and general data concerning the port. The scheme involves the reclamation of 407 acres of mud land in the bay on the River Test, about two miles long, and extending from the Royal Pier upstream to Mill Brook Point. The river face of the reclaimed ground will be formed, along most of its length, by a quay wall 7,400 ft. long. The site is so arranged that it will be possible, subsequently, to construct a jetty about 5,000 ft. long and 400 ft. wide, running parallel to the new quay wall and 600 ft. away from it. Vessels will be able to berth on both sides of the jetty and the scheme, when complete, will give 15,500 ft. of quay and provide accommodation for some 20 vessels of the largest size.

The work is to be carried out in three sections, the first of which has been commenced and it is to be completed within four years at cost of £3,000,000. Already some 600,000 tons of soft mud, and a further 300,000 tons of harder materials, for use in the reclamation, have been dredged. The construction of one of the quay walls 2,500 ft. in length has also been put in hand.

The above-mentioned handbook has been compiled by Mr. L. B. Mappin in collaboration with the Southern Railway Company, and it contains particulars of the present accommodation and equipment of the docks, tonnage rates, dock tariffs, and other information regarding the port and its activities. The book is obtainable from the Dock Manager's Office, Southern Railway Company, Southampton.—"Engineering."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The B.I. s.s. "Gambada" left Shimonezaki for this port on April 4 a.m., and is due here on April 7 p.m. The B.I. s.s. "Kailash" left Singapore for this port on April 6 p.m., and is due here on April 8 a.m.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:

Arrivals at Hong Kong
The s.s. "City of Glasgow" from Europe, April 17.

The s.s. "Glenbank" from New York via Panama, April 22.

The s.s. "Comblenank" from New York via Panama, April 28.

The s.s. "City of Newcastle" from New York via Suez, May 1.

Departures from Hong Kong
The s.s. "City of Khartoum" for Singapore and Europe, April 17.

The s.s. "City of Glasgow" for Shanghai and Japan, April 18.

The s.s. "Tinhow" for Saigon and South Africa, April 18.

The s.s. "Glenbank" for Haiphong, April 28.

The s.s. "Comblenank" for Shanghai and Chinwangtao, April 27.

The s.s. "City of Delhi" for Singapore and U.K., May 9.

SHIPBUILDING

FACTS FROM AN ANNUAL SUMMARY

THE PRESENT POSITION

That the present position in the British shipbuilding industry is, on the whole, fairly satisfactory may be gathered from a perusal of the "Annual Summary of the Mercantile Shipbuilding of the World" which has just been issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping. This summary gives particulars of merchant vessels, of 300 tons gross and upwards, launched during 1928.

The British output for 1928, as regards vessels launched, is higher by 220,000 tons than the figure for 1927. Moreover, the 1928 figure is the highest of any year since 1921. The present British total of 1,445,920 tons represents 55.6 per cent. of the world's output for 1928. Curiously enough the corresponding figure for 1927 was also 55.6 per cent., that for 1926 being 58.2 per cent., and that for 1925, 49.5 per cent.

The returns for 1928 show that 97 vessels of between 5,000 and 10,000 tons each, and 15 vessels of 10,000 tons and upwards, were launched in this country. The largest of these ships were the turbine steamers "Duchess of Bedford" (20,123 tons), "Duchess of Richmond" and "Duchess of York" (each of 20,022 tons), the turbo-electric vessel "Victory of India" (19,000 tons), and the motorship "Rangitiki" (18,000 tons). Excluding vessels of less than 1,000 tons, 51 ships, making together 300,348 tons, and destined for the carriage of oil in bulk, were launched during the year under review. It may be pointed out that the tonnage of steamers fitted for burning oil fuel launched during 1928 amounts to over 310,000 tons, and that the tonnage of oil-tank ships represents 21 per cent. of the total tonnage of the steamers and motorships launched during the year. It is interesting to find that the average tonnage of steamers and motorships launched during 1928 is 3,458 tons. If, however, the vessels of less than 500 tons be excluded, the average is increased to 4,656 tons as against 4,193 in 1927, 4,468 in 1926, 4,439 in 1925, and 3,777 in 1924.

The marine steam turbine has made further progress during 1928. The vessels launched which will employ this method of propulsion number 15, and total 138,064 tons. It should be noted that the four largest vessels launched in this country during the year will be fitted with steam turbines. Moreover, the figures just quoted include the three oil tankers in which the turbines operate in conjunction with electric motors, and two vessels of 7,777 tons, which employ a combination of steam turbines and reciprocating engines. The tonnage of motorships is steadily increasing in comparison with the total output. During 1919, the shipping launched fitted with internal-combustion engines for propulsion purposes aggregated 32,396 tons, and this figure had risen to 201,913 tons during 1928 and to 357,779 tons during 1927. During the year under review, 76 motorships, totalling 427,616 gross tons, were launched, which tonnage represents 42.25 per cent. of the steam tonnage launched; the corresponding percentage for 1927 was 41.1.

The prosperity of the German shipyards is indicated by the fact that the total tonnage launched for 1928, namely, 376,416, shows an increase of 86,794 tons over the 1927 figure. The principal vessels involved are the 46,000-ton turbine steamers "Bremen" and "Europa," incidentally the largest ships launched in the world during 1928, the 20,225-ton motorship "Kunsholm" and the 15,500-ton motorship "St. Louis." Some remarkable changes have taken place in the world tonnage of various types of ships during the past fourteen years. For instance, oil-tank ships, which totalled 1,479,000 tons in 1914, now aggregate 6,544,000 tons. Again, the combined tonnage of motorships, which was only 284,000 in 1914, has now reached 5,432,000 tons. Furthermore, in 1914 the tonnage of the steamers fitted for burning oil fuel was 1,310,000, the corresponding figure for 1928 being upwards of 3,000,000. In concluding an account of the shipbuilding activities of the various maritime countries it will, no doubt, prove of interest to compare the total tonnage of the merchant shipping of the world, as it existed in 1914, with the latest available figures. If, in view of their comparatively small importance in international trade, sailing ships and all-wood steamers be disregarded, we find that the gross tonnage of seagoing steamers and motorships totalled 42,614,000 in June, 1914. The corresponding figure for June, 1928, was 61,534,000 tons, representing an increase of over 19,000,000 tons.—"Engineering."

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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 15	June 22
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 4	July 12
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Aug. 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 7
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KARNALA	9,128	20th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*ALIPORE	5,273	24th Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
MANTRA	10,546	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*NAGPORE	5,283	4th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
*KIDDERPORE	5,234	8th May	Straits & Bombay.
KALYAN	9,144	11th May	Marseilles, London & Hull.
MORLA	10,463	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKIWA	7,936	6th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	9th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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ARAFURA	10,946	16th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	17th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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TILAWA	10,006	14th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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about by that worthy champion
of the seafarer, Captain Commander
Hon. Mr. J. M. Kenworthy, R.N., M.P.
The Merchant Marine Service Asso-
ciation view with real pleasure the
steps taken to ensure the repre-
sentation of the Merchant Navy in
both Houses of Parliament.
It is understood that this commit-
tee will have for its object the ob-
taining of improved conditions of ser-
vice for officers of the Merchant Na-
vy, and the Council of the Asso-
ciation have already communicated
with each of the members of the
small non-party committee offering to
furnish any details of matters remain-
ing reform or attention.
Replying to the communications of
the general secretary, the following
Parliamentarians concerned have in-
dicated their desire to help the Ser-
vice whenever possible.
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R.N.V.R., C.B.E., in his letter states:
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officers of the Merchant Marine."
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mander A. R. J. Southby, R.N., M.P.,
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ly at heart, and anything I can do to
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Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	HOSANG	Fri., 26th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Sun., 5th May at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Sat., 13th Apr. at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	HINGSANG	Sat., 13th Apr. at 10 a.m.
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HONG KONG TIDE.

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being quite distinct.

April 5 to 11, 1929.

Date	HIGH WATER		LOWER WATER	
	Standard Time	Ht.	Standard Time	Ht.
4th	5 m 9 s	4.4	1 m 1 s	1.8
5th	8 m 14 s	4.2	1 m 51 s	4.3
6th	8 m 14 s	4.3	1 m 43 s	4.4
7th	7 m 8 s	4.4	0 m 48 s	4.7
8th	7 m 0 s	4.7	1 m 13 s	1.3
9th	8 m 4 s	4.9	2 m 2 s	2.1
10th	8 m 4 s	4.7	2 m 3 s	2.5
11th	9 m 5 s	4.7	3 m 10 s	1.7
12th	9 m 5 s	4.8	3 m 11 s	1.8
13th	10 m 13 s	4.4	3 m 59 s	1.7
14th	10 m 13 s	4.4	3 m 55 s	1.3
15th	11 m 3 s	4.8	4 m 4 s	2.1
16th	11 m 3 s	4.9	4 m 4 s	1.0

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Pres. Madison ... Apr. 13th 6 p.m.	Pres. Taft ... May 7th 6 p.m.
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**HONG KONG'S M.C.L. AND
GUILD**

Then that happy and busy band of enthusiasts, known collectively as the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League—the "M.C.L. and Guild," for short—we know of no local organisation that enters upon its duties so wholeheartedly. It is very pleasing to read the supplementary details regarding the M.C.L.'s multifarious activities, supplied so gracefully by Mrs. W. T. Southorn, the President, at the Guild's annual meeting, held in the Helena May Institute yesterday. And that the M.C.L. is working along lines that are sound, sane, sensible and practical is again abundantly shown by the fact that last year, in one way or another, this Guild and League accumulated the highly satisfactory sum of \$19,000 which, as in past years, they carefully allocated to deserving causes. In these times of commercial depression to obtain so large a sum for the many purposes which they have at heart is eloquent of many things, especially of enthusiasm, which perhaps is the M.C.L.'s chief characteristic. It is admirably directed and that, of course, is the secret (if it is one) of the success attained.

We must confess to a feeling of ardent curiosity akin to that felt by those to whom Mrs. Southorn alluded in her happy little speech regarding the "plans that are in the melting pot" and as the result of which the M.C.L. intends to conquer (as they assuredly will) financial fields afresh. We trust that the President will not keep the M.C.L.'s friends too long awaiting to know of the new plans

by which the League's enthusiastic members are to be further stimulated. Success is certain, for the M.C.L. goes on from strength to strength, and it is a safe prediction that the excellent results of last year will be at least equalled during the current year.

The President did well specially to refer to Mrs. Creasy's excellent work, which was largely responsible for the splendid result realised last year. Enthusiasm, to be effective, must be well-directed, and what was done by Mrs. Creasy particularly, supported wholeheartedly by an able Committee, was doubtless the proper and necessary driving force. Mrs. Southorn also made a kindly reference to the M.C.L.'s indebtedness to the local Press "for unfailing and valuable assistance," and we will venture to say, on behalf of a body well-known as interested itself in ventilating the affairs of everybody else save its own, that nothing gives the Press more genuine pleasure than to further, in every possible way, the activities of so capable an organisation as the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League. Mrs. Southorn says that the M.C.L. among various sections in Hong Kong is "looked upon with amused tolerance or as a perennial pest or with friendliness and enthusiasm." There can be no doubt whatever about the public's friendliness and enthusiasm, and we feel sure that, as time passes, the excellent ladies responsible for the M.C.L.'s varied activities will have abundant proof of a continuance of that enthusiasm and friendliness.

A new link in the international exchange of radio programmes was forged late yesterday afternoon when stations WRC in Washington, WJZ in New York, and others in a network gave their listeners a portion of a symphony concert direct from London. At exactly 4.48 p.m., the first strains of an orchestra in London were heard in Washington. The selection played was a portion of a symphony and the number proceeded for about twenty minutes.

Two Chinese were before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of committing an armed robbery with three others not in custody at No. 60, Lai-chikok-road, on the night of March 27. Inspector Fallon, in charge of the case, stated that of the five alleged robbers two were armed with a revolver each. He asked for a week's formal remand in order to make further enquiries. The remand was granted.

We are informed that the concert of light music, which was arranged by the Benevolent Society, to be held in the Helena May Institute on April 16, has been postponed.

Three cases of small-pox were reported yesterday and one case of cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese.

The ninth annual dinner of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association will take place on April 20, at 8 p.m. in the College hall.

Father Robert, who has been revisiting Hong Kong, leaves next week by the s.s. "Athos" for Japan and Korea. He will return to France via Siberia.

The wedding of Lieut. K. W. Maurice-Jones, D.S.O., R.A., and Miss Margaret Ada Kent is to take place at St. John's Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. on the 9th instant.

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong University Arts Association, Father Dr. J. Finn, S.J., is to lecture on "Raphael: The Vatican Pictures" to-night at 8.30.

A pistol found by Inspector Fallon in a latrine in Jordan-road, and which had not been claimed since, was ordered to be confiscated by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. E. S. Carter, of the P.W.D., has been seconded to the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. During the absence on leave of Mr. Stratton, Mr. Carter will be Engineer in charge of the line between Canton and Shum Chun.

An "At Home" will be held at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday next for the purpose of inaugurating the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association and of hearing addresses on "Remedies for Racial Friction" from the Rev. Ronald D. Rees and Mr. Y. H. Tsao, M.A.

A young Chinese woman, while on her way home in Mongkok-road on Wednesday evening, was accosted by two men who snatched from her a gold necklace with a jade ornament attached. She was so terrified that she failed to raise an alarm, and only reported the matter to the Mongkok Police Station after a long interval.

A new arrival in Hong Kong, a Chinese who had just come down from Canton by train yesterday, met with an accident immediately after leaving the station. He boarded a motor bus from which he attempted to alight as it was turning into Nathan-road. He fell heavily on his head and was rendered unconscious. The Police removed him to the Kowloon Hospital.

That portion of Ice House-street, between Des Voeux-road and Chater-road, which was closed following the King Edward Hotel fire, was re-opened to vehicular traffic yesterday. It is learned that P.W.D. coolies have completed the removal of the whole of the debris from the upper floors of the Hotel, and work is proceeding in connection with the removal of the rubble from the ground floor and basement.

Two bridge parties are being given in the near future in aid of the funds of the H.K. Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League. The first is to be held on H.M.S. "Tamar" on April 18 at 3.30 p.m. Tickets, price \$2 per player, and full particulars, can be had from Mrs. Byron, Peak Hotel. On May 2, a bridge party is being given at the Tai-ko Club tickets for which can be obtained from Mrs. McCormack, Quarry Bay School.

St. John Cathedral Church Body has been considering the name of the Rev. L. N. Watkins as a possible candidate for the post of Second Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral and Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter's Church. Mr. Watkins is on the staff of the Leeds Parish Church at present, and an offer of the post has been made to him. The fact that Rev. N. V. Halward, who has done so much good work at St. Peter's, is due for home leave next January makes the appointment of a Priest-in-charge a matter of some urgency.

MARION DAVIESIN "THE CARDBOARD
LOVER"

ON SUNDAY & MONDAY

"The Cardboard Lover," starring beautiful Marion Davies, which will be at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and Monday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue, it may be mentioned, is from the "original story," "The Cardboard Lover," written by Jacques Deval, and adapted to the screen by Carey Wilson. The leading man is Nils Asther, and Miss Goudal is the designing female. Others in the

CORRESPONDENCE**FIRE ESCAPES, LADDERS
AND NET**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Being an old subscriber to your well-known newspaper, I crave some space in the "Mail," for the publication of this letter.

At the inquiry now being held on the King Edward Hotel fire, the fact was brought out that no fewer than seven persons, who had jumped into the jumping sheet, had, unfortunately, lost their lives. That was very bad indeed; but it might have been much worse if more people had been induced to leap into the said sheet. No one would have thought that such fatal results could have been possible. Could not rubber jumping sheets be employed with better results?

I wonder if the powers-that-be have already put a stop to the practice of hotels, if any, using any longer a mixture of wax and kerosene oil for floor polishing, as such inflammable materials should not be allowed to be used at all. Perhaps, fire insurance policies, on both hotel premises and the contents thereof, are rendered null and void on a fire happening, simply from the fact of the insured not having disclosed this material fact to the insurer.

Perhaps a net, like the one employed by Harrold's Circus, and canvas fire escapes might be used, until such time as the Colony of Hong Kong is provided with automatic fire ladders, such as are used in America and in some European countries, and the cost of such ladders. They are not luxuries and are indispensable.

The question of permanent fire escapes reaching to the top-floors of the larger buildings is in need of careful investigation, even before waiting for the results of the inquiry now being held over the King Edward Hotel fire:—

"If it were done when 'tis done,
then 'twere well
It were done quickly."

I would fain believe that in the matter of improvements, "What has been done cannot be undone."

Now, with regard to the water supply for fire purposes, I still think that the powers-that-be have not forgotten the well-known lines:—

"A little fire is quickly trodden
out:
Which, being suffered, rivers
cannot quench."

Yours etc.,
SAFETY FIRST.

Macao, April 4.

MUSICAL COMEDY**BANVARD COMPANY IN
"OH KAY"****"MERRY AND BRIGHT"**

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company are still entertaining merrily at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, and last night their performance of the very much up-to-date "Oh Kay" brought them fresh laurels. Miss Cherry Wymott, as Lady Ray, charmed all with her lovely voice, clever acting and dancing and her delightful personality. She is a highly accomplished young vocalist and comedienne. Mr. Jack Desmonde's "Jimmy Winter" gave him plenty of opportunities of which he made good use. His singing in duets with Miss Wymott was an outstanding feature. As the Duke of Datchet, Mr. Frank Atkinson again proved his versatility as a comedian, singer, and dancer. His was a bright and clever performance. As Shorty McGhee Mr. Edgar Stanmore was very droll, and in many respects he proved himself to be a very capable comedian. Very good also were Miss Ethel Beard as Constance Appleton, the Misses Gay Jukes and Edna Ray as Dolly and Philippa Ruston, respectively, Mr. Angus Strong as Jansen, Miss Molly Raye as "Molly," Mr. Billy Bray as Judge Appleton and Mr. K. L. Bradfield as Larry Potter—an excellent cast both as to versatility and personality.

The play, pleasingly staged, went along "merrily and brightly" from first to last and was very heartily enjoyed by the audience. To-night, this highly talented Company will present another lively musical comedy "Tip Toes"—which, we hope, will attract a large audience.

cast are Andres de Segurula, Tenen Holtz, and Pepi Lederer, Robert Z. Leonard is the director. It is the story of a modern American school girl who competes with a beautiful and seductive alien for the attentions of a man and beats the vamp at her own game. The scenes are laid in Monte Carlo, and no details have been spared to make them as lavish and authentic as the famous resort itself.

"DISCOVERY"**COSTS TO BE PAID BECAUSE
IT WAS NOT GIVEN****SUPREME COURT VACATION**

Plaintiff in the Supreme Court, Summary Jurisdiction, was ordered this morning by his Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) to pay the costs of the day because an order to "give discovery" (i.e., show documents to the other side or state that there are no documents) had not been complied with.

Mr. F. H. Loseby was for the plaintiff and Mr. D. L. Strellett for the defendant. Both parties are Chinese.

When Mr. Loseby asked his Lordship to fix a day for hearing, Mr. Strellett pointed out that he had not received discovery. Mr. Loseby mentioned "vacation."

His Lordship observed that the vacation did not apply to the Summary Court, and ordered another week's adjournment (the case having come on last week) and discovery, plaintiff to pay defendant's costs (of the day).

"Made No Attempt"
Mr. Loseby thereupon sought permission to argue the point. When his Lordship, at a later stage, after quoting from the Supreme Court (Vacations) Ordinance, said that Mr. Loseby must show reasonable cause why he did not comply, Mr. Loseby submitted that the wording of the Judge's order, being usually "one week, discovery," did not stipulate discovery within a week, but meant an adjournment for a week and discovery, his Lordship held that the phrase meant discovery in a week.

Concluding, his Lordship said, "If you made an endeavour to give discovery, your explanation (as to the vacation intervening) would have been accepted; but you made no endeavour this time."

SENT FOR TRIAL**SEQUEL TO A RAID BY ARMED
ROBBERS****EX-EMPLOYEE CHARGED**

Lam Hop, a foki of the Ho Ping Kee rice shop, No. 61, First-street, West Point, was this morning committed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, to stand his trial at the next Criminal Session on a charge of having taken part with others in a robbery at the rice shop on the early morning of March 16; and conspiracy to rob.

It will be remembered that this robbery resulted in the tragic death of Ho Ping, master of the rice shop, who was suffocated through a piece of rag which the robbers used as a gag being thrust too far into his mouth. Li Chat, the only other foki of the rice shop, gave circumstantial evidence which led to Lam Hop's committal. He said that accused went out of the shop about 20 minutes before the robbery and never returned. He did not see him again until two days later when he went with the Police on board a steamer bound for Canton and there pointed out Lam Hop, who was on the ship as a passenger.

The robbery, which resulted in the unfortunate master's death, realised only \$42 in cash as booty for the robbers.

A SNEAK THIEF**PROMPTLY ARRESTED BY A
WOMAN****"NOTHING TO SAY"**

Yesterday afternoon a Chinese woman was watching a procession from the verandah of her house in Kowloon. She inadvertently left the door of her house opened, and, seizing the opportunity, a lad of sixteen years went into her cubicle.

The thief got hold of a blanket and a fur jacket and at once made his way to the nearest pawnshop. Whilst he was on his way, the woman discovered her loss. She ran out into the street and saw something "red" at a distance. She ran after the red object, and, when she got near enough, she recognised her red woollen blanket.

She said nothing at the time, but kept behind the defendant until the latter had entered the Tung Hing Pawnshop. She then called a Police constable and got the youth arrested.

Defendant was brought before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. He pleaded guilty to the charge and also admitted a previous conviction. When asked if he had anything to say he replied "I have nothing to say."

Sentence of one month's imprisonment with hard labour was passed.

AVIATION RECORDS

WHAT THE BRITISH HOPE TO DO

CLIMBING 40,000 FEET UP

London, Yesterday. In aviation circles it is stated that it is hoped to secure for this country four world records during the present year. They are the duration and non-stop records, which the Falmey-Napier monoplane is expected to make by flying from Cranwell Aerodrome to Durban, the speed record, which will be attached immediately after the race for the Schneider trophy and the altitude record.

The last-named is regarded as the most fascinating of the four records. Plans are being made to beat the record figure of 39,600 feet. It is hoped to evolve an all-metal aeroplane capable of climbing at least eight miles or 40,000 feet. A selected pilot will undergo special training. He will wear electrically warmed clothing and will be provided with an oxygen apparatus, which he will himself be able to control.—British Wireless Service.

EARL OF BALFOUR

IMPENDING CLOSE OF HIS POLITICAL CAREER

A GREAT STATESMAN

London, Yesterday. The Earl of Balfour, it is understood, will retire from public life when Parliament is dissolved next month.

During the present Parliament he has held the office of Lord President of the Council, and has therefore been a member of the Cabinet.

His decision to retire is dictated by his age, he being in his 81st year, and the need for safeguarding his health.

Lord Balfour was premier from 1902 to 1905. He was Foreign Secretary in Mr. Lloyd George's Coalition Government from 1916 to 1919.

The outstanding political services of his later years have been his work at Washington Naval Conference and what is known as the "Balfour Note" on the allied war debts.—British Wireless Service.

RESERVE CREDITS

A WARNING TO AMERICAN SPECULATORS

FORCING COMPLIANCE

Washington, Yesterday. The eagerly awaited statement on the credit situation has been issued by the Federal Reserve Board at the conclusion of a joint conference with the Governors of twelve Federal Reserve Banks. The statement warns members of the Banks that, unless they voluntarily comply with the previous request for co-operation in restraining the use of the Federal reserve credit in speculation, the Board may "adopt other methods to force compliance in order to release the credit for the use of trade."—Reuter's American Service.

REPARATIONS

"CEILING" AND "FLOOR" SUGGESTIONS

GERMANS PASSIVE

Paris, Yesterday. The Reparations Experts' Committee met again after the Easter holiday and discussed two memoranda.

Firstly, the composite allied suggestion enumerated the minimum demands of different creditor countries. Secondly, the personal suggestion of the American Chairman, Mr. Owen Young, covering the same ground from an impartial Presidential angle. The two suggestions are described as "ceiling" and "floor." It is apparently hoped that the Germans will build a platform between the two but hitherto they have made no step thereat.—Reuter.

EX-PREMIER DIES

SENHOR JOAO FRANCO OF PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Yesterday. The death is announced of Senhor Joao Franco, Prime Minister when King Carlos and the Crown Prince, Louis Philippe were assassinated in 1908.—Reuter.

AFGHANISTAN

TRIBAL SUPPORT FOR AMANULLAH

New Delhi, Yesterday. Ali Ahmed Khan, ex-Governor of Jalalabad, has crossed the frontier at Chaman en route to join Amanullah.—Reuter.

CUSTODY & CAUTION

ALLEGED PICKPOCKET'S LUCK IN KOWLOON

A CONSTABLE'S OMISSION

"When a person is in custody, you must caution him before you can ask him a question," was the instruction given to a Chinese constable by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese youth was charged with picking the pocket of a man at the Kwong Chi Cinema last night.

According to the complainant, he was unable to find a seat at the show, so he stood at the back. Defendant and several others stood near him, but the former was on his immediate left. When the lights went up at the interval, defendant gave him a bump. Witness suspected something wrong, and he at once looked into his left hand pocket, where he had kept his purse. He found the purse gone and he at once caught hold of the defendant. The latter passed the purse to another lad, who made off. Witness took defendant out of the show and handed him over to the constable.

The constable said that, at the Police Station and whilst he was taking defendant's finger prints, the latter had admitted the theft to him. Asked if he had cautioned defendant first before asking him questions, the constable replied that he had not.

His Worship said that he could not accept the statement as evidence. A person in custody must be duly cautioned first before he could be asked questions. At the same time he did not think that complainant was telling an untruth. He, however, could not convict on uncorroborated evidence.

Addressing the defendant, his Worship said that he was very lucky to get off this time. It was fortunate for him that no other witnesses had come forward to confirm complainant's evidence. The lad was then discharged.

SHANTUNG EVENTS

WITHDRAWAL OF JAPANESE EXPEDITION

TSIN-PU RAILWAY RESUMES

Tokyo, To-day. It is reliably stated that the Japanese troops at Tsinan will commence to concentrate at Tsinan on April 18 and that the first detachment (in the withdrawal from China) will sail from Tsinan for Japan on April 24, also that the remainder of the Japanese Expeditionary forces will be evacuated by the middle of May.—Reuter.

Effect of Evacuation

Tsinan, Yesterday. The train service on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway will be resumed on April 5.

A tentative schedule has been drawn up. A full direct service will be operated as soon as arrangements for the evacuation of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in Shantung province have been completed.—Reuter.

[The Japanese occupied Tsinan through which the Tientsin-Pukow trains have to pass. The service has been interrupted on account of this military occupation and previously because of damage to the Yellow River bridge at Tsinan.]

Northerners' Campaign

Chefoo, Yesterday. The Muping front remains quiet.

Yesterday's report that Lungkow and Hwanghsien had turned Nationalist is incorrect. These cities are still in Northern hands.

Communications with Wehsien have been established. The countryside westwards is quiet.

Chaoyuan has been captured by the "Red Spears" and is flying the Nationalist flag. The Bank of China and the Communications Bank notes are still discounted. The Chamber of Commerce has telegraphed to the Shanghai offices to arrange remittances in silver, which it is hoped will arrive in a fortnight's time and re-establish confidence.—Reuter.



Ruth Elder

VILMA BANKY

BIG ATTRACTION AT QUEEN'S THEATRE

TENSE DRAMA

Starring Vilma Banky, the beautiful actress in her first picture without Roland Colman as her leading man, Samuel Goldwyn has produced a splendid picture in "The Awakening of Love," which is being shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day until Saturday. In this film, one realises the great ability of Vilma, her portrayal of a peasant girl being remarkably well enacted. Clearly, the producers' effort to show what a great actress Miss Banky is has succeeded.

In the rustic surroundings of a village in France, Vilma is shown as a peasant girl, known for her purity and loveliness. The arrival of a unit of the German cavalry is the commencement of trouble. Walter Byron, as a lieutenant, and a Don Juan, determines to conquer the high-spirited peasant girl, and events of a startling nature follow.

The picture is made more attractive in that the village scenes on the festival day are enhanced by lovely costumes and dancing couples, to which the strife of war in the latter part of the film affords a vivid contrast.

In support, Miss Banky has Walter Byron as her lover and Louis Wolheim in a part that suits him admirably, providing much humour and excitement.

"IRENE"

COLLEEN MOORE'S GREAT FILM AT THE MAJESTIC

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The fashion episode is made entirely in colour film and will be something that everybody will remember for days to come. Cora McGeachy designed the 300 gowns worn and John D. Schulze was chief art director for the massive settings that held the seasons.

This is just a part of the "Irene" production—one of the high lights of a story that will long carry Colleen Moore in the minds of those who see the piece. Alfred E. Greep, who directed "Sally," starring Miss Moore, is responsible for "Irene."

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 17th April, 1929, both days inclusive.

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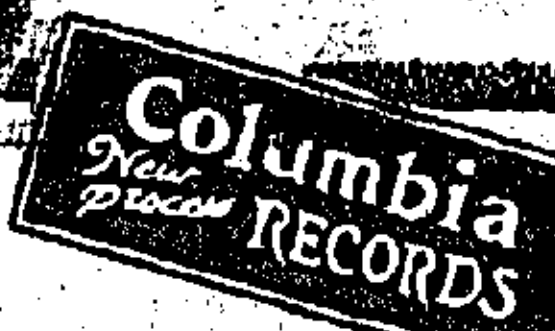
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Disturbing news has come through from Fukien about interference with an establishment of the London Mission Society.

Other than that, and the unrest in Shantung promontory, there is not much else to cause alarm. It is the duty of Hong Kong, therefore, to tell the world and Britain in particular what the position is—so that there need be no further hesitation. A good, sound way of describing the latest occurrences is to send the "Overland China Mail," with its news, articles, comment and pictures—pictures of local people and scenes. It is the only illustrated weekly budget of news published in Hong Kong; and it contains all the "local" and "China" news of the week.

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ARMED ROBBERY

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Yesterday five Chinese were charged before Major C. Willson, O.E.E., at the Central Magistracy, with having been concerned in an armed robbery on the second floor of No. 24, D'Aguiar-street, on March 5.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Assistant Crown Solicitor.

A Chinese married woman named Ng Luk-mui, of No. 29, Shanghai-street, gave evidence with regard to two gold bangles which were identified as part of the booty. She said she was acquainted with the third accused, who called on her two days after the robbery and asked her to pawn the bangles for him. As she had no reason to suspect that they had been unlawfully come by, she did so, receiving \$28 for each bangle. This money she handed over to third accused. He left the pawn tickets in her keeping, and these were found in her house by Sub-Inspector Shannon during a Police raid of the premises on March 7.

A young Chinese girl, Chung Wai-chong, gave evidence of the robbery. The robbers came between 9 and 10 a.m. during her parents' absence. The only persons in the flat at the time were the witness, a younger sister, two brothers, and an amah. Witness was asleep when she awakened by the amah warning her that robbers were in the place.

Two men then entered her cubicle and demanded the keys. One of the men, whom she recognised as second accused, had a revolver. This man took the keys from the pocket of her jacket hanging on the wall and, handing them over to her, forced her to open some drawers and a black cash box, from which No. 2 helped himself to jewellery and money, including two \$50 bills. Then the robbers pushed everybody into a cubicle, locked them in, and departed.

The case was adjourned.

MOTOR ACCIDENT

ALLEGATION AGAINST DRIVER
OF CAR

Miss Lo Shun-kun, an 11-year-old Chinese girl student of the French Convent School, Causeway Bay, was the victim of a motor accident near the school yesterday. She was leaving school and was on her way to her home in Tang Lung-street, when passing Caroline Hill-road, she was knocked down by a public motor car which suddenly appeared around a bend without any warning.

The unfortunate girl received injuries which necessitated her removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

It is reported that the driver of the car concerned in the accident did not stop to render assistance, but drove away at a high speed.

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SERIOUS ALLEGATION BY
THE POLICE

Jose A. de Sousa, a Portuguese employed at the Post Office, is wanted for alleged fraud, according to a Police report issued yesterday afternoon.

The fraud is alleged to have taken place on March 5, but no indication is at present available as to the sum of money involved. The allegation is that de Sousa, who was entrusted with the paying of a letter bill, fraudulently prepared the document incorrectly, and subsequently he either altered or secretly destroyed the document in question.

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Milan	92.70
Berlin	20.465
Copenhagen	18.215
Oslo	18.195
Vienno	34.525
Prague	163 1/4
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	32.195
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	815 1/2
Rio	5 27/32
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Dame Nellie Melba, who has been suffering from a severe attack of influenza at her home in London.

The Chinese papers state that, as a result of the blocking of the Yangtze through the grounding of the C.M.S. "Luenyi" and the San Peh str. "Changshing" some 20 vessels are unable to pass Wusueh, with the result that two British gunboats have arrived on the spot to protect them from being pirated.

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SATURDAY'S SOCCER PROGRAMME

LEAGUE PROSPECTS

BORDERERS TO MEET CHINESE ATHLETIC

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

[By "Rover"]

Owing to the absence of the Club de Recreio, also to the Regimental Sports of the Somersets, the First Division matches tomorrow are restricted to three, but there is a full junior programme. The official list is as follows:—

Division I.

Kick-off, 4.45 p.m.
K.O.S.B. v. Chinese Athletic.
Sookumpoo. Referee, C.P.O. Willis, R.N.

Police R.C. v. Kowloon, Kowloon F.C. Referee, C.P.O. Vosper, R.N.
Royal Navy v. R.A. Caroline Hill. Referee, Mr. Smith.

Division II.

Kick-off, 3 p.m.
K.O.S.B. v. South China "A", Sookumpoo. Referee, Mr. Lawrence.

Royal Navy v. Eastern, Navy ground, Happy Valley. Referee, Mr. Ip Kau-ko.

St. Joseph's v. R.A. St. Joseph's ground. Referee, Mr. Lamb.
South China "B" v. Club de Recreio, Caroline Hill. Referee, Mr. Morse.

Small Units v. Chinese Athletic, Club ground. Referee, Mr. Anderson.

The big match of the day is at Sookumpoo, where the Borderers meet the Chinese Athletic. This should be a fine match and I fancy the Borderers, who have beaten South China and the Police (the other leaders in the League) in successive matches, also Kowloon. The Borderers have come along in recent matches and have even an outside chance of still winning the League, and at least a good chance of runners-up should they beat the Athletic. The latter will be as keen on the points as the military side, however, and we should see a thrilling struggle with very little in the result.

The Police, who are still in the running for the League championship, will have a real try out with the much improved Kowloon side, whilst the latter will find the Police a good test for the Shield semi-final on the following Saturday. Form favours the Police, but Kowloon are given to surprises, and on their present form they may secure one point at least.

The Royal Navy meet the R.A. at Caroline Hill and should win. The R.A. are also interested in the semi-final of the Shield, and can be expected to put up a big fight. Leach will probably lead the R.A.'s full strength in view of the big match on the following Saturday. Even so, they Royal Navy should just get home as they are at present able to field a strong side with most of the "Kent" Class in port.

The junior programme is a good one. Here also the position at the top is interesting. There is no reason why the K.O.S.B. and the Royal Navy should not win with ease, whilst the R.A., South China "B", and the Chinese Athletic should also secure full points.

JOTTINGS

During the week wins by the K.O.S.B. and the Chinese Athletic have made the First Division a more open affair than before. The championship this season promises an exciting finish, and the last match of the season may very probably decide the ultimate winners.

The semi-finals of the Shield

competition are fixed for Saturday, April 13. The senior and junior games will be played at Sookumpoo and the Hong Kong F.C. ground, respectively. In fixing the venues the Council of the Football Association decided that the proceeds of the gross gates at the matches were to be divided in the proportion of 25 per cent. to the Association, 25 per cent. each to the Clubs whose grounds and accommodation are being used, and the remainder pooled between the contesting Clubs pro rata, the expenses being deducted primarily. According to "soccer" history this is an advance on preceding seasons in the interests of the Clubs figuring in the semi-finals but the scheme, in the writer's opinion, still leaves much to be desired in the interests of the Club in general.

The Council of the Association, as records at the end of the season will show, have been much in evidence recently in proposed reforms and suggestions for future seasons, also in adjudicating many contentious questions inseparable from such an eventful season as this one has been. Amongst other items of business Sub-Committees have been formed to co-ordinate the finance of the Association under a responsible Finance Committee, also the fusion of the League Management Committee into the authority of the Association. The latter proposal is sound common sense, as given the right Council at the head of affairs the one ruling body will settle the whole of the business of the season, and Clubs' secretaries' duties and responsibilities will be much more straightforward and elementary. These—the main features of this season's work of the Association—are an indication of points which will make the next annual general meeting of more than usual interest. The Association is now an important branch of the Colony's Sporting interests. Its powers for the fostering of the game of "Soccer," and the equally important duty of assisting the Colony's charities, are great, and it is up to the Clubs to take a real interest in the proceedings and not leave it to a few.

ATHLETIC STRENGTHEN POSITION IN LEAGUE

KOWLOON WIN

Yesterday's games in the Football League resulted as under:—

Division I.

China Ath. 2 Small Units 0

Kowloon F.C. 1 R.A. 0

By a decisive victory over the Small Units who have not won a match to date, the Chinese Athletic strengthened their position in the League yesterday, and are now only a point behind South China (the leaders), both elevens having played 18 games, leaving two matches to play.

As in a previous game against the Navy, Small Units played well together and held Athletic well, until the last ten minutes, when their defence succumbed, and the Chinese netted twice through Suen Kam-shun.

The Small Units forwards were rather unlucky in not obtaining a couple of goals, for they were always triers.

Kowloon v. R.A.

A scrappy game was witnessed on the K.F.C. ground, when Kowloon defeated the Royal Artillery by a goal to nil.

The pace was slow, improving towards the end of the game. No scoring took place in the first half when play was even with both sides missing chances. On resumption of play Kowloon attacked strongly and Hannan netted through a fine opening by Easterbrook. The final whistle blew with no addition to the score. Hedley (Kowloon) missed a penalty given against Oliver, the soldier's right back.

LEAGUE TABLES

First Division					Goals.		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
S. China	13	12	2	4	35	21	26
Athletic	13	10	5	3	39	24	25
Somersets	17	10	4	3	44	15	24
K.O.S.B.	13	10	3	5	44	22	23
Police	13	10	3	5	26	19	23
Royal Navy	13	9	1	8	36	25	19
Kowloon	13	6	6	7	19	27	13
R.A.	17	3	5	9	24	42	13
Recreio	17	3	3	9	41	41	13
Small Units	16	6	0	10	21	34	12
Small Units	13	0	13	13	70	0	0

Second Division					Goals.		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Royal Navy	22	20	1	1	88	19	41
K.O.S.B.	20	17	1	2	95	18	35
Somersets	20	13	3	4	60	22	29
Athletic	19	12	1	6	54	23	25
R.A.F.	21	9	4	8	45	40	22
S. China "B"	22	9	3	10	39	47	21
R.A.	19	6	3	10	32	54	15
S. China "A"	19	3	8	8	23	39	14
St. Joseph's	20	6	2	12	27	44	14
Recreio	20	5	2	13	22	50	12
Small Units	20	4	4	12	24	61	12
Eastern	18	3	5	10	24	43	11
Kowloon	21	3	5	13	21	75	11

GOLF

STARTING TIMES ANNOUNCED FOR SUNDAY

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club announces the following starting times for Sunday:—

9.25 a.m.	A. H. Ferguson, L. R. Andrews.
9.32	T. L. Christie, K. S. Robertson.
9.36	C. Thwaites, A. J. Frank.
9.40	Capt. Ashby, J. R. Collis.
9.44	E. C. Frederick, E. Lewis.
9.48	W. D. Brown, I. H. Geare.
9.52	W. L. Dunbar, C. E. Holmes.
9.56	H. G. Howard, W. J. Gordon.
10.00	A. G. Coppin, L. Yates.
10.04	A. Leach, K. L. Dugan.
10.08	J. S. MacLaren, D. Ellis.
10.12	Capt. Grant, A. Webster.
10.16	E. P. Fletcher, W. K. Tail.
10.20	C. B. Brown, S. T. Butlin.

(Continued on Next Column.)

YACHTING

ADMIRAL TYRWHITT'S CUP AS TROPHY

"TITANIA" WINS

The first race for the Admiral Tyrwhitt Cup was held yesterday, and there were 27 boats entered, most of H.M. vessels in port being represented.

Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, Bt., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., until recently Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, presented the Cup just prior to his departure for Home. It was to be competed for by commissioned officers, sailing in cutters, whalers and gigs. The trophy was raced for the first time yesterday and resulted in a win for H.M.S. "Titania."

The start was made at 2 p.m. and, owing to the absence of wind, it turned out to be more of a drifting match than a race. The starting point was from the "Tamar," and from there the boats passed south of Nos. 7 and 8 buoys, then to buoy No. 53, up to Cust Rock and back to the starting point in a triangular course. To fulfil the conditions of the race it should have been necessary for this course to have been covered twice, but owing to the lack of wind, it was decided to reduce the distance to once round.

Lieut. Leahy in the "Titania" gig crossed the finishing line first, with a substantial lead, with the "Berwick" gig second, and the "Titania" cutter third.

The entries of whalers, cutters and gigs totalled as follows:—H.M.S. "Kent" 5, H.M.S. "Berwick" 3, H.M.S. "Cornwall" 5, H.M.S. "Suffolk" 5, H.M.S. "Titania" 5, H.M.S. "Marazion" 1, H.M.S. "Troquois" 1, H.M.S. "Tamar" 1 and H.M.S. "Sterling" 1.

Lady Tyrwhitt Cup
Another similar race will be held this afternoon for the Lady Tyrwhitt Cup, presented by Lady Tyrwhitt. The race is for subordinate officers.

10.24	J. P. Warren, C. C. Stark.
10.28	E. des Voeux, A. O. Brawn.
10.32	S. Berg, J. E. Wright.
10.36	A. B. Purves, C. Mycock.
10.40	A. Piercy, H. Spicer.
10.44	R. K. Hepburn, A. Sommerfelt.
10.48	S. J. H. Fox, M. B. Mathews.
10.52	H. N. Laver, S. M. Walker.
10.56	G. W. Reeves, S. S. Perry.
11.00	N. K. Littlejohn, T. S. Whyte Smith.
11.04	A. E. Lissaman, Major Beamish.
11.08	C. L. Shank, E. D. Black.
11.12	O. E. C. Marton, D. J. Gilmore.
11.16	F. M. Ellis, J. K. Shaw.
11.20	H. R. Remington, J. Thayer.
11.24	H. R. Sturt, S. A. Sleep.
11.28	A. D. Humphreys, H. A. Lammert.

LAWN TENNIS

AMERICA'S TEAM FOR THE DAVIS CUP

CAPTAIN CHOSEN

Philadelphia, Yesterday.
Fitz Eugene Dixon, Chairman of the Davis Cup Selection Committee, has been appointed Captain of the United States team for the Davis Cup contests.—Reuter's American Service.

S.A. Rumjahn and M. W. L. Go Forward

Last evening when S. A. Rumjahn and J. S. McEachran faced each other for the third time to decide which was to qualify for the semi-final of the Open Singles Championship, a long, hard contest was expected. These expectations, however, were not realised for McEachran, who was evidently feeling the effects of so many long-drawn-out tussles, for which his style of play is largely responsible, retired after the first set. Rumjahn attacked from the outset and ran the older player off his weary feet, winning by 6-2. He now meets the winner of tonight's match between H. D. Rumjahn and Lim Peng-chin. A fight between the cousins should be an interesting spectacle.

M. W. Lo got partial revenge in defeating one of the men who ousted the Lo brothers from the Doubles Championship on Wednesday. Goldman lost to a man who played a correct singles game while he himself adopted tactics more suitable to a doubles match. Only in the third set did he have a chance of protracting the game. M. W. Lo, who seems to have put in a lot of practice, is playing better than he has done for the past five years and is a very serious contender for this year's championship. Predicting is an uncertain game, but if we were asked to forecast we should say that M. W. Lo and S. A. Rumjahn will contest the final with Rumjahn the victor. Probably Fincher, H. D. Rumjahn, and Lim will disagree.

Results of Ties
The full results of the ties in the H.K.C.C. tournament yesterday were:—
Open Singles.—M. W. Lo beat L. Goldman 6-2, 6-4, 7-5; S. A. Rumjahn beat J. S. McEachran 6-2 (retired).
Handicap Singles "A".—J. G. Lawrie (owe 3/6) beat H. J. Armstrong (owe 1/6), 6-1, 6-2; L. Forster (owe 15) beat J. Barrow (rec. 3/6) 6-4, 4-5, 6-3.
To-day's Matches
The matches down for this afternoon are:—
Open Singles.—H. D. Rumjahn v. Lim Peng-chin.
Mixed Doubles.—H. V. Parker and Miss D. Stanion v. Lieut. and Mrs. D. Smith.

CRICKET

VARSITY SECOND TEAM AGAINST C.S.C.C.

The following will represent the Varsity 2nd XI in a League match against the Civil Service Cricket Club to-morrow, at 2 p.m. sharp, at Happy Valley:—F. Hiptoola, (Captain), A. Baker, M. B. Osman, H. T. Barma, A. B. Suleiman, S. H. Kermani, A. A. Aziz, K. T. Loke, G. E. Yeoh, A. Chan Fook, and K. P. Gan.

HOCKEY

The Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club will have a practice game on the Naval ground, Happy Valley, at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

"I say, you chaps," said the club bore, "Old Jenkins has just gone for a week-end to the seaside, and you should see the luggage he has taken with him. It is ridiculous taking so much. Why! I never take more than one of anything when only going for a week-end. There is no sense in taking a pair."
"Oh! I say," murmured a languid individual in the corner, "and how do you manage for trousers?"

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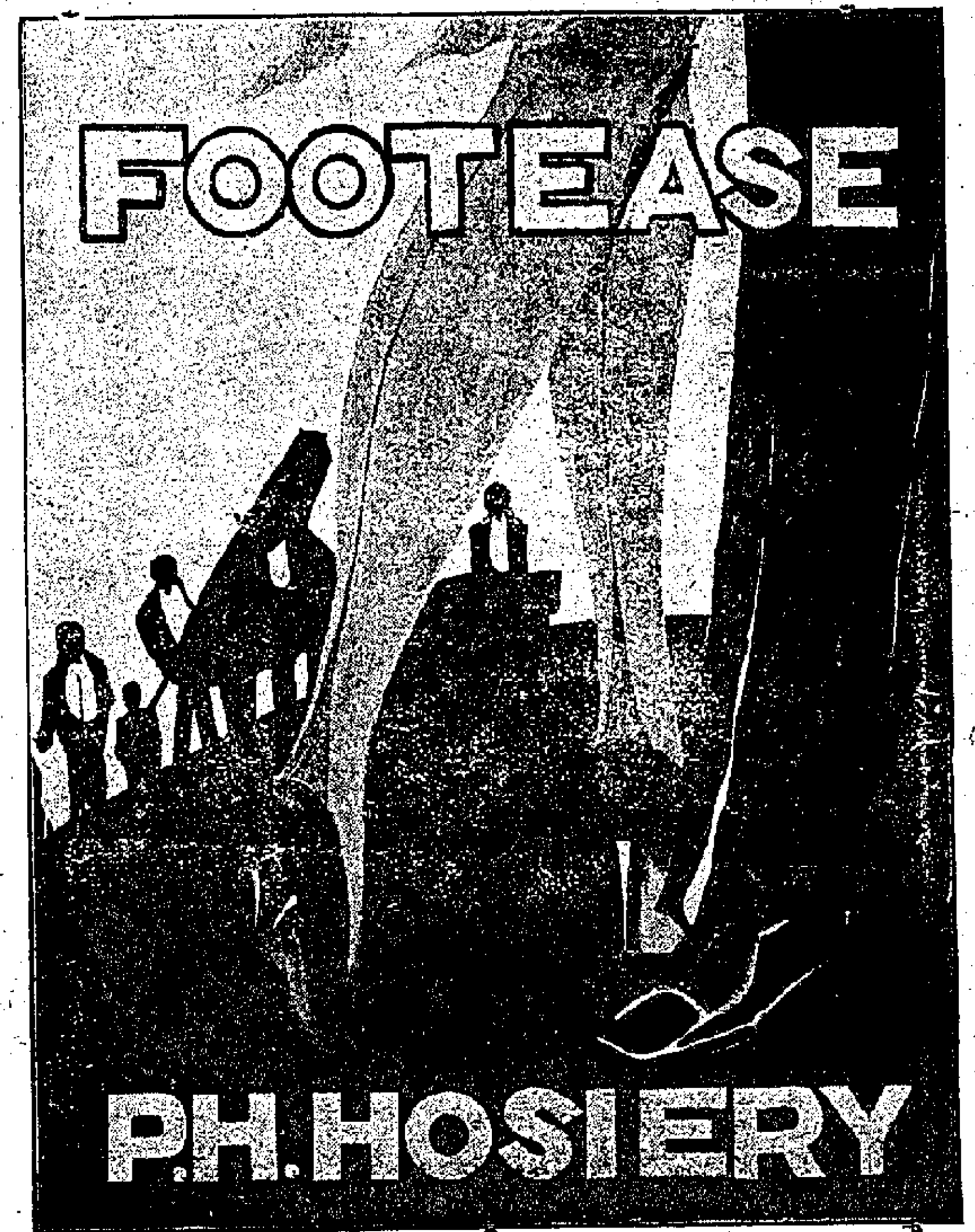
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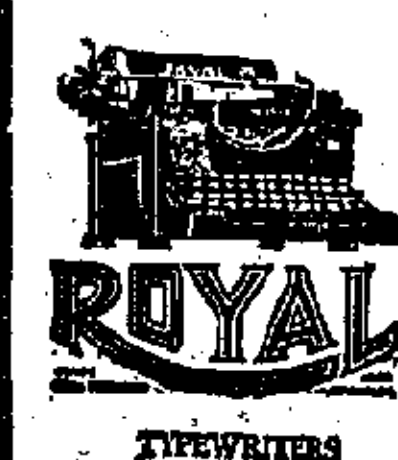
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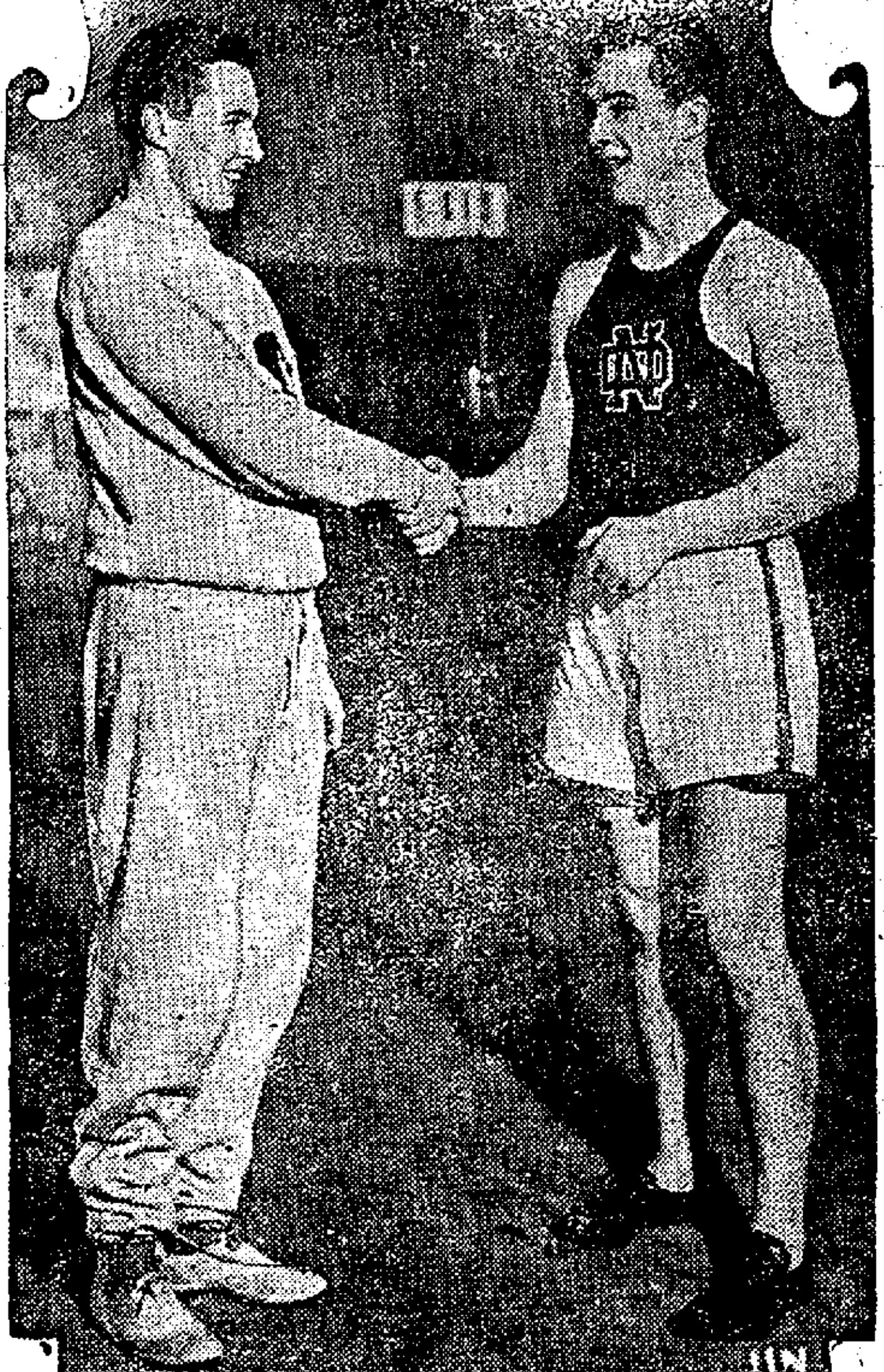
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Olympic Champion's First Defeat



Percy Williams, left, Olympic champion in the 100 and 200, met his Waterloo in the person of Jack Elder of Notre Dame. Elder was brought especially to race the Canadian star in the 60-yd. contest and he made good by giving Williams his first defeat in competition.

Best Doggie of the Dog World



Laund Loyalty, nine-months-old collie owned by Mrs. Florence B. Rich was judged the champion among the several thousand canines exhibited at the Westminster Kennel Club's show in Madison Square Garden, New York.

100 Sweethearts



Known as the "Boy with a hundred sweethearts," young women over whom he exerted complete hypnotic control, Joseph R. V. Clarke was sentenced to death for murder of one of his sweethearts at Liverpool. The trial, shortest known in history, lasted four and a half minutes.

Unofficial Observer



Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, sailed for Europe where he will act in an unofficial capacity to bring about a closer understanding among the Powers regarding America's reservations to the World Court.

Now They've Got the Right Number



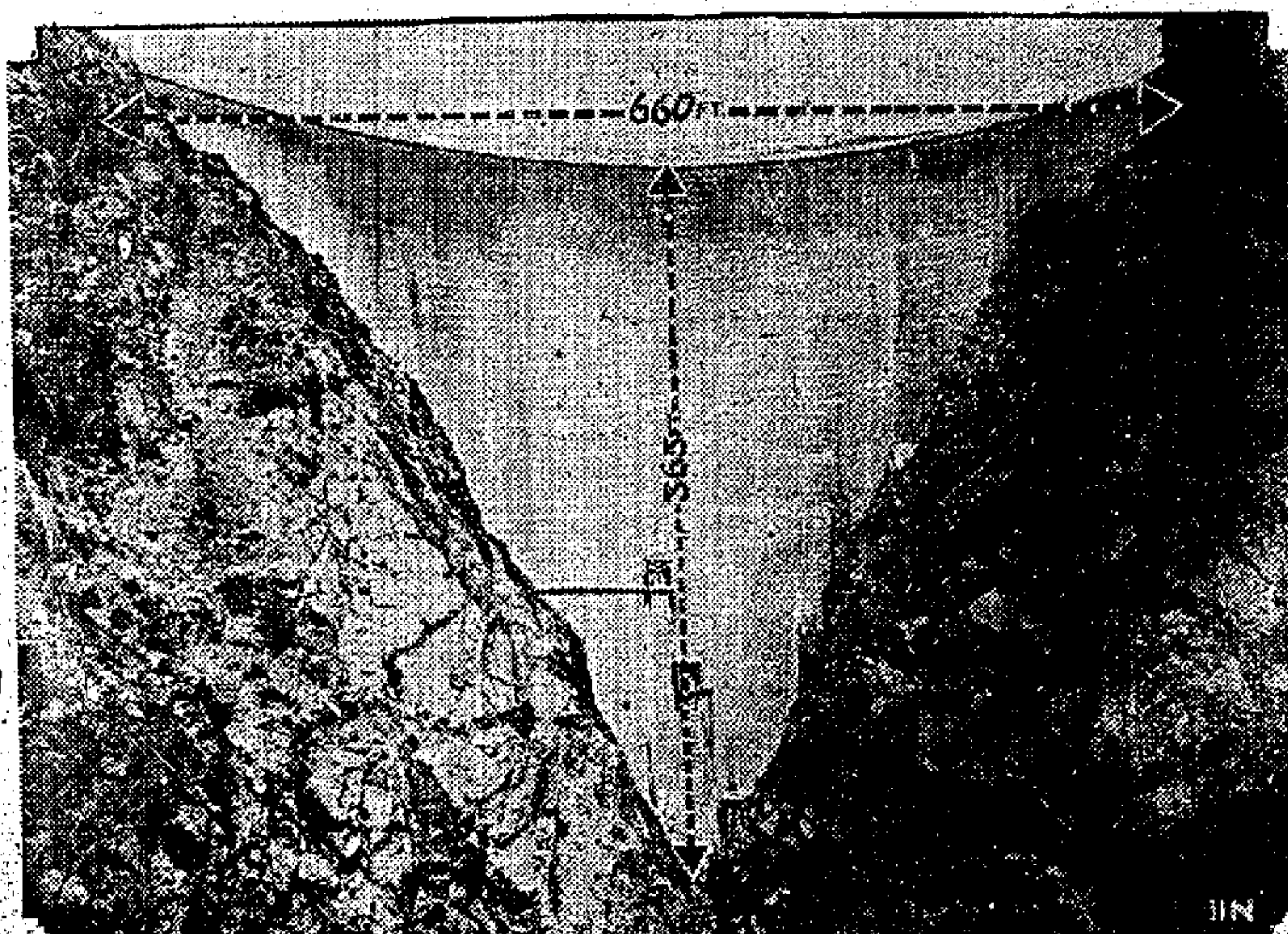
If the operator don't understand you when you give her the number of the Knights of Columbus Club at New York, just ask her what year Columbus discovered America. If the telephone company has trained her correctly you'll get your party. After considerable trouble and time the club was able to have the company give them the famous number so closely identified with their name. When did he discover America? Why, 1492.

Follows in Dad's Footsteps



Young Jake Schaefer, above, last of the champion Schaefers, defeated Welker Cochrane 400 to 328 in the deciding game of world's championship tournament at 18.2 billiards. His expert shooting brought the title back to the United States, the defending champion, Horemans, of Belgium, finishing third.

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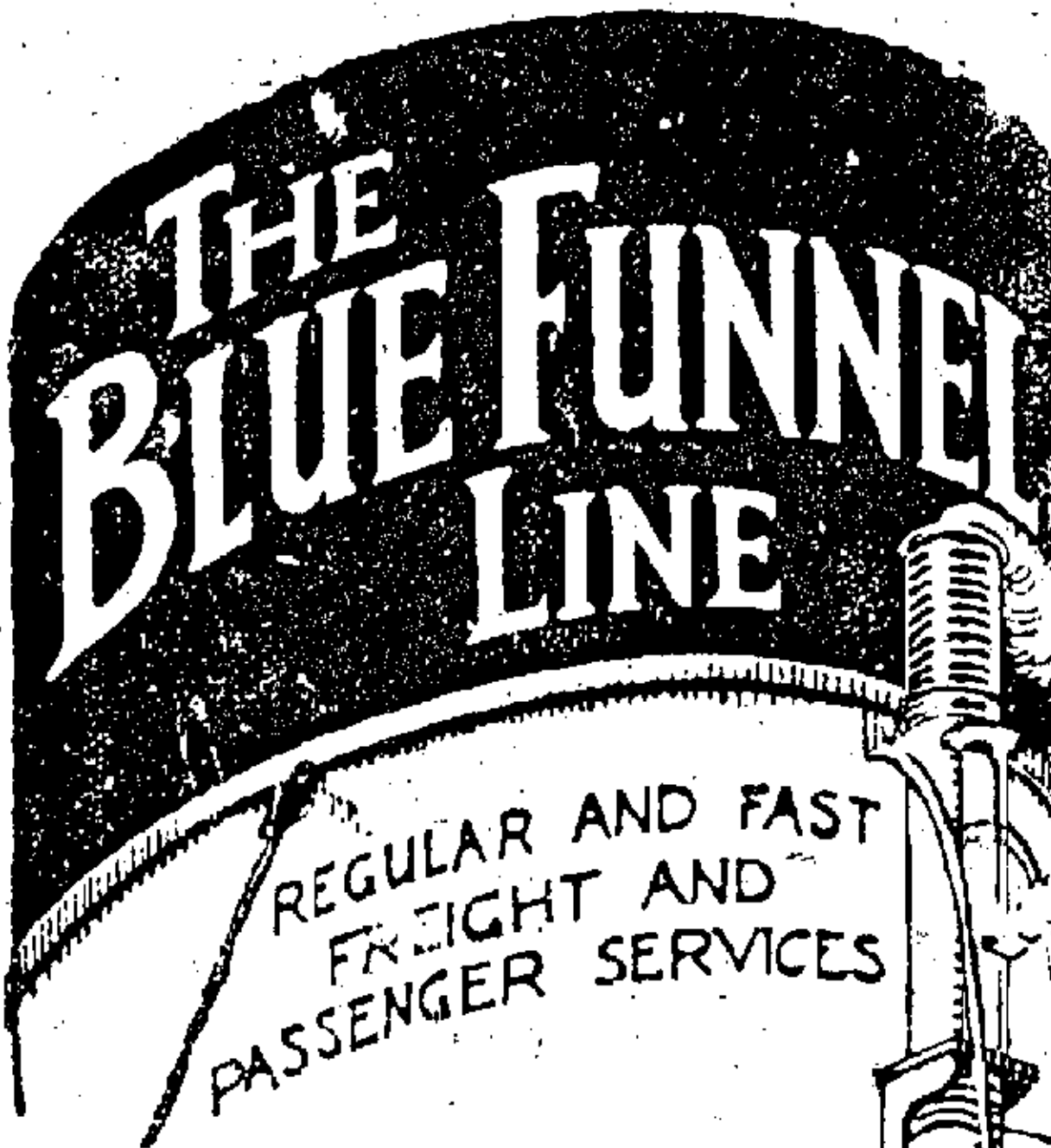
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Swatow, Amoy and Formosa... Hozan Maru 9 a.m.

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SIMON COMMISSION CONCLUDES

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GUARDED STATEMENT TO PROVINCIAL COMMITTEES

INDIA'S CONSTITUTION

New Delhi, Yesterday. The Simon Commission have concluded their work in India. Sir John Simon, addressing the Provincial Committees, in the course of a guarded review of his impressions, hinted that the Canadian constitution might serve as a model for India in certain respects. At the same time he warned his hearers that conditions in the provinces of India were in no wise on the same footing as to ensure a Federal basis, but intimated that the constitution of the Provinces might be made more elastic with an automatic provision for growth to full autonomy within a reasonable period.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT PATEL'S RECENT RULING

GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS

New Delhi, Yesterday. Mr. James Crerar, C.S.I., the Home member, announced in the Assembly that the Government view of the rules was that President Patel was not empowered to disallow discussion on the Public Safety Bill while the Meerut trials were progressing, as President Patel had ruled on April 2.—Reuter.

BRITISH POLITICS

WHAT THE LABOUR PARTY PROMISE

"WE ARE NOT FOOLS"

London, Yesterday. The Labour Party election programme was partly unveiled by Mr. J. H. Thomas at Plymouth. There will be an extension of the school-leaving age by one year, and additional pensions at 65 years of age to enable 350,000 workers to retire.

These measures provide jobs for 600,000 workers.

Replying to a question regarding the I.L.P. resolution on war credits, Mr. Thomas said, "We are not fools. Disarmament will only be effected by establishing confidence, and getting the nations to fall into line."—Reuter.

MOTOR-CAR PIONEER

DEATH OF KARL BENZ

Berlin, Yesterday. Karl Benz, a pioneer of motor-car manufacture, has died here at the age of 81.—Reuter.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER

Cairo, Yesterday. The Duke of Gloucester has sailed from Suez for Japan.—Reuter.

HANKOW RACE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Martial law is in force but there does not appear to be much power to enforce it—British Naval Wireless.

Nanking's Reserves

Nanking, Yesterday. About 1,500 pro-Nanking troops were assembled on the opposite bank of the Yangtze River, at Pukow, this morning. These men are being embarked in the Chinese transport "Chu Tung" and the s.s. "Kiang-teen" (presumably for despatch up to Hankow).—British Naval Wireless.

Troops Refuse to Fight

Hankow, To-day. It appears that the Wu-Han troops refused to fight yesterday morning and fraternised with the enemy. The Garrison Commander in Hankow hastily evacuated his headquarters (the late Russian Consulate) and fled.

Chinese officials in the ex-British Concession yesterday morning asked Admiral Tweedie for assistance.

FAIR WEATHER

This morning's report by the Royal Observatory stated: The anti-cyclone is now central to the south of Korea.

Moderate monsoon will continue along the S. E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

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ance in the maintenance of order as they feared looting by the Hunanese soldiery. Admiral Tweedie undertook to give assistance where British lives and property were endangered.

The British women and children living on the outskirts of Hankow have been brought in without incident.

The water front is crowded with Chinese refugees endeavouring to enter the French Concession. Admiral Tweedie was not called on to help and the panic subsided overnight.—Reuter.

Bloodless Advance

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Nanking vanguard has come into contact with the Hankow defence system extending more than 50 miles from eastward of Yanglo on the north bank of the Yangtze, north-westward through Hwangpei to the Peking-Hankow Railway and held by 60,000 troops.

It is estimated that the Nanking troops on the north bank of the Yangtze total 100,000. According to the most reliable foreign sources they have up to now advanced practically unopposed, and it is expected that they will require two or three days to get into position prior to going on the offensive.

Hupei Threat

Meanwhile pourparlers are going on which may result in Generals of Hupei province declaring neutrality. Hupei is demanding that both the Nanking and Kwangsi forces fight out their differences elsewhere.

Precautionary measures for defence are being erected round the Concessions and special administration.

OIL RESTRICTION SUGGESTION

LATEST PHASE

EUROPEAN PRODUCERS SAID TO BE LUKEWARM

ROYAL DUTCH OUTPUT

New York, Yesterday. In view of the Attorney General's ruling the question has arisen as to whether the Royal Dutch and Shell interests will continue to co-operate with the American Petroleum Institute's oil restriction scheme.

According to the "Journal of Commerce," European oil producers have always been lukewarm with regard to the scheme and it is now believed that they may withdraw their support.

It is pointed out that a huge increase in oil production in South America, especially in Venezuela, where the Royal Dutch and Shell Companies are strongly interested, has been projected and restriction to last year's average production figures, as proposed by the Institute, would have involved considerable hardship to the Royal Dutch.—Reuter's American Service.

COLONEL HOUSE

New York, Yesterday. Colonel House is progressing satisfactorily.—Reuter's American Service.

tive districts (i.e., former concessions) in Hankow. While the foreign authorities have taken every precaution to secure the protection of foreigners there is no cause for anxiety at present Reuter.

Retreat Cut Off?

Kiukiang, Yesterday. A communique has been issued stating that the Nanking troops are carrying out an enveloping movement for the purpose of intercepting the retreat of the Hankow troops. A general attack against Wu-Han from all sides is expected in a day or two. One of the battalions under the Kwangsi General Hsia Wei has escaped and has expressed a desire to join the Nanking forces.—Reuter.

Guns in Action

Kiukiang, Yesterday. The Nanking forces occupied Tsingshan, 10 miles from Wuchang, on the evening of April 3, after a furious battle with the Hankow troops.

A heavy artillery action is being resorted to by the Nanking forces in their advance towards Wu-Han.—Reuter.

Manchuria's Sympathy

Nanking, Yesterday. General Chang Hsueh-liang and other Manchurian leaders have wired to the State Council of the National Government pledging their support of the Central Government in the campaign against the Kwangsi faction in Hankow.—Reuter.

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